

FIRST MEETING

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL,

OF THE

COUNTY OF SIMCOE,

(UNDER THE 12TH VICTORIA, CAP. 81)

FIRST MEETING, 1850.

COURT-HOUSE. BARRIE,

County of Simcoe,

Monday, 28th January, 1850.

The County Council having met this day, in pursuance of Act 12th Vic. chap. 81, being an "Act to provide by one general law, for the regulation of Municipal Corporations, and the establishment of regulations of Police in and for the several Counties, Cities, Towns, Townships, and Villages in Upper Canada."

PRESENT.

Messrs. Armson,

Bell,

Carswell,

Cross Robert,

Cross William,

Ferguson,

Messrs. Island,

Keenan,

Lane,

Moffatt,

Morris

McConkey,

Robertson.—13.

The Clerk called the Meeting to order.

Mr. Lane moved, seconded by Mr. Bell,—

That William Armson Esquire be elected Warden for the County of Simcoe.

Carried unanimously.

The Warden took the Chair, and addressed the Council.

On motion of Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Robertson,—

Ordered—That Mr. John McWatt be appointed County Clerk for the County of Simcoe.

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Morris,—

Ordered—That Edmund Lally, Esq., be appointed County Treasurer for the County of Simcoe.

On motion of Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. McConkey.

Ordered—That the Warden do appoint a Committee to prepare Standing Rules and Regulations for the properly conducting the business of the Council

The Warden nominated Messrs. Lane, McConkey, and Bell.

Adjourned.

WM. ARMSON, Warden.

COURT-HOUSE, BARRIE,

Tuesday, 29th Jan, 1850.

The Council met. The Warden in the Chair.

PRESENT.

Messrs. Armson,	Messrs. Island,
Bell,	Keenan,
Carswell,	Lane,
Cross Robert,	Moffatt,
Cross William,	Morris.
Ferguson,	McConkey,
Robertson—13.	

The Minutes of yesterday read.

The Committee appointed for the purpose of drafting Standing Rules and Regulations for the guidance of the Council, brought up a Report accompanied by a draft of Standing Rules for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. McConkey, seconded by Mr. Lane,

Ordered—That the Report and draft of Standing Rules now read be adopted.

The Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet together with Surveyor's Report No 1, and Auditors Reports Nos. 1, 2 and 3, laid before the Council

On motion of Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. McConkey,

Ordered—That the Warden do now appoint the required Standing Committees.

The Warden nominated for Education, Messrs. Armson, Moffatt, and Carswell.

For Finance and Assessment, Messrs. Bell, McConkey and Robertson.

For Roads and Bridges, Messrs. Lane, Cross (Innisfil) and Keenan

For District Property, Messrs. Morris, Island and Ferguson,

On motion of Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. McConkey,

Ordered—That the various documents laid before the Council this morning, be referred to the respective Committees.

The Warden appointed Mr. John Atkinson an Auditor of the County.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Ferguson.

Ordered—That Mr. William Graham be appointed one of the Auditors of the County.

On motion of Mr McConkey, seconded by Mr Lane,

Ordered—That the Warden do appoint a committee to consist of seven Members, to report on the Municipal Act, and that any documents required, now in possession of the Council be laid before them.

The Warden nominated the following, viz :

Messrs. Lane,	Messrs. Bell,
Armson,	Keenan,
McConkey,	Morris,
	Carswell.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Ferguson,

Ordered—That Mr. Henry Creswicke be appointed County Surveyor for the current year.

A communication from T. A. Stayner, Esq, Deputy Postmaster General, relating to the establishment of new Post Offices in the County of Simcoe, laid before the Council.

Adjourned.

WM. ARMSON, Warden.

COURT-HOUSE, BARRIE,
Wednesday, 30th Jan., 1850.

The Council met. The Warden in The Chair.

PRESENT.

Messrs. Armson,	Messrs. Island,
Bell,	Keenan,
Carswell,	Lane,
Cross Robert,	Moffatt,
Cross William,	Morris,
Ferguson,	McConkey,
	Robertson—13.

The Minutes of yesterday read.

The following Petitions were presented.

Of the Trustees of School Section No. 1 of the Township of Collingwood, praying for a larger portion of the School grant. By Mr. Ferguson.

Of the Inhabitants of South Orillia, praying that the By-law of the late District Council to provide for the attachment of certain Townships to each other, be repealed. By Mr. Moffatt.

Of certain Inhabitants of the Township of North Orillia, pray-

ing that no alteration should be made in that part of the By-law of the late District Council, which relates to North Orillia. By Mr. Bell.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Robertson,

Ordered—That the petition of School Section No. 1, Township of Collingwood be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

Mr. Bell moved, seconded by Mr. Keenan.

That the Petitions of Inhabitants of North and South Orillia be referred to a Select Committee to be named by the Warden.

Moved that the yeas and nays be taken. By Mr. Lane.

On a division being called for, it was decided in the negative.

The Surveyor's Report No. 2 laid before the Council, accompanied by certain documents

Ordered—That the Surveyor's Report No. 2, with accompanying documents be referred to the Standing Committee on District Property.

The County Superintendent's Report, together with Account and Vouchers laid before the Council.

A Communication from Thomas A. Ferguson, School Teacher, laid before the Council.

Ordered That the Communication of Thomas A. Ferguson, with all others on the subject of Education, be referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

A Communication from the Clerk of the Peace relating to the Census Rolls, laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. Lane seconded by Mr. McConkey.

Ordered—That the Finance Committee take into their consideration By-law No. 47, to examine if any alteration in said By-law is required, and if so, to make the necessary alteration.

On motion of Mr. McConkey, seconded by Mr. Lane.

Ordered—That the procuring of a County Seal and the adoption of a suitable motto, be referred to the Standing Committee on County Property.

A Memorial from the Municipality of the United Townships of Medonte, Tay, Tiny and North Orillia, praying that all the Town lines therein be kept in repair by the County, laid before the Council. By Mr. Bell.

Mr. Bell moved, seconded by Mr. Moffatt.

That the Memorial of the Municipality of the United Townships of Medonte, Tay, Tiny and North Orillia, be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges

On a division of the Council, it was decided in the negative.

Adjourned.

GEO. WM. BELL, Chairman, pro tem.

COURT-HOUSE, BARRIE,
Thursday, 31st Jan , 1850.

The Council met.

PRESENT.

Messrs. Bell,	Messrs. Keenan,
Carswell,	Lane,
Cross Robert,	Moffatt,
Cross William,	Morris,
Ferguson,	McConkey,
Island,	Robertson,—12

In absence of the Warden, the Clerk called the meeting to order.

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Cross, (Innisfil),

That Mr. Bell do take the Chair pro. tempore.

Mr. Bell took the Chair.

Presented —The Petition of John Pearson, Builder, Barrie, praying for remuneration for work performed at the Court House in the year 1846.

Ordered—That the Petition of John Pearson be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.

The following Petitions were presented.

Of certain inhabitants of Orillia, Southern Division, praying that the By-law of the late District Council, providing for the attachment of certain Townships, be repealed so far as regards that Township. By Mr. Moffatt.

Of Moses Hayter, Jailor, Barrie, praying that provisions may be made for an old man now in the County Jail, and who is in the most helpless state of feebleness. By Mr. Lane.

On motion of Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. McConkey,

Ordered - That the Petition of Moses Hayter be referred to a Special Committee, to be appointed by the Chairman.

The Chairman nominated Messrs Lane, Robertson and Ferguson.

Mr. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Robertson,

That the petition of the Inhabitants of South Orillia, be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. McConkey, Lane, Moffatt, Keenan and Bell.

On which the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows. viz :

Y E A S .

Messrs. Carswell,	Messrs. Moffatt,
Cross, (Tecumseth)	Morris,
Keenan,	McConkey,
	Robertson—7.

N A Y S .

Messrs. Cross, (Innisfil),	Messrs. Island,
Ferguson,	Lane—4.

Carried by a majority of three.

The Auditors Report No. 4, laid before the Council.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, Seconded by Mr. Cross, (Innisfil.)

Ordered—That the Auditor's Report No. 4, be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.
Adjourned. GEO. WM. BELL, Chairman, Pro. Tem.

COURT-HOUSE, BARRIE,

Friday, 1st Feb., 1850.

The Council met. The Warden in the Chair.

PRESENT.

Messrs. Armsen,	Messrs. Island,
Bell,	Keenan,
Carswell,	Lane,
Cross, Robert	Moffatt,
Cross, William	Morris,
Ferguson,	McConkey,
	Robertson—13.

The Surveyor's Report No. 3, together with a letter from Moses Hayter, Jailor, laid before the Council.

The Standing Committee on County Property brought up Reports Nos. 1 and 2.

Ordered—That the Reports now read, be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Keenan, seconded by Mr. Bell,

Ordered—That the Petition of the inhabitants of North Orillia be referred to the Special Committee appointed to report on the petition of the Inhabitants of South Orillia.

On motion of Mr. McConkey, seconded by Mr. Lane.

Ordered—That Messrs. Armsen, Bell, Lane, Morris and Carswell be a Committee to report upon the subject of the Toronto, Simcoe and Lake Huron Union Rail Road.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Cross, (Innisfil.)

Ordered—That the Surveyor's Report No. 3, together with the communication from Moses Hayter, Jailor, be referred to the Standing Committee on County Property.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson seconded by Mr. Cross (Innisfil.)

Ordered—That the Committee on Roads and Bridges be instructed to consider and report upon the repairs of Town lines, and also on what Roads are to be considered County Roads, for the purpose of drafting a By-law thereon.

On motion of Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. McConkey,

Ordered—That the Finance committee report to the council upon the payment of members of this council for their services as such.

The county Surveyor's Report No. 4, laid before the council.

Ordered—That the Surveyor's Report No. 4, be referred to the

committee on county Property,

The committee on county property, brought up Report No. 3.

Ordered—That the Report now read be adopted.

The Standing committee on Finance and assessment brought up Report No. 1,

Ordered—That the Report now read be adopted.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment brought Report No. 2, accompanied by draft of By-law.

Ordered—That the Report now read be adopted.

Ordered—That the draft of By-law now read a first time, be read a second time forthwith.

The Standing committee on Education brought up Report No. 1

Ordered—That the Report now read be adopted.

The Special committee to whom was referred the Petition of certain inhabitants of the Townships of Orillia brought up a Report.

Ordered—That the report now read be adopted.

The special committee appointed to report on the communication from Moses Hayter, Jailor, brought up a Report.

On motion of Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. McConkey,

Ordered—That the blank left in Report now read, be filled up with the sum of seven shillings and six pence.

Ordered—That the Report be now adopted.

The Standing committee on Finance and Assessment brought up Report No. 3 accompanied by Draft of By-law.

Ordered—That the Report now read be adopted.

Ordered—That the Draft of By-law now read a first time, be read a second time forthwith.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Cross, (Innisfil.)

Ordered—That the Warden do appoint a committee on contingencies

The Warden nominated Messrs. Island, Cross (Tecumseth) and Robertson

Adjourned.

WM. ARMSON, Warden.

COURT-HOUSE, BARRIE,
Saturday, 2nd Feb., 1850.

The Council met. The Warden in the chair.

PRESENT.

Messrs. Armson,	Messrs. Island,
Bell,	Keenan,
Carwell,	Lane,
Cross, Robert	Moffatt,
Cross, William	Morris,
Ferguson,	McConkey,

Robertson—13.

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Robertson,

Ordered—That the council do not now go into committee of the whole on Draft of By-law relating to the appointment of Enumerators, read a second time, but that it be read a third time forthwith.

Ordered—That the By-law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed, signed and sealed by the Warden.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Bell.

Ordered—That the committee on Finance and Assessment do report on the duties and salaries of the several County Officers.

The standing committee on Roads and Bridges brought up Report No 1, accompanied by Draft of By-law.

Ordered—That the Report now read be adopted.

Ordered—That the Draft of By-law now read a first time, be read a second time forthwith.

Ordered—That the council do go into committee of the whole on the draft of By-law now read a second time.

The council went into committee of the whole on the draft of By-law. Mr. Keenan in the chair.

The Committee of the whole rose and reported the Draft of By-law as amended.

On motion of Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Carswell.

Ordered—That the draft of By-law be now read a third time forthwith.

Ordered—That the By-law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed, signed and sealed by the Warden.

The standing committee on county property brought up Report No 4

Ordered—That Report now read, be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Keenan.

Ordered—That the council do now go into committee of the whole on draft of By-law to raise and levy Taxes for the current year

The council went into committee of the whole on draft of By-law. Mr. Lane in the chair.

The committee of the whole rose, and reported the draft of By-law as amended.

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Keenan,

Ordered—That the draft of By-law now read a second time, be read a third time forthwith.

Ordered—That the By-law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed, signed and sealed by the Warden.

The standing committee on Finance and Assessment brought up Report No 4, accompanied by Draft of By-law.

Ordered—That the Report now read be adopted.

Ordered—That the draft of By-law now read a first time, be read a second time forthwith.

Ordered—That the council do not now go into committee of the whole on draft of By-law now read a second time, but that it be read a third time forthwith.

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Ferguson,

Ordered—That the draft of By-law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed, signed and sealed by the Warden.

The Special Committee appointed to report on the Municipal Council Act, brought up a Report, accompanied by a draft of Memorial to the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Causwell,

Ordered—That the Report and Draft of Memorial now read, be adopted, that the Memorial be engrossed, signed and sealed by the Warden, and transmitted to the Legislature.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment brought Report No. 5, accompanied by draft of By-law.

Ordered—That the Report now read be adopted.

Ordered—That the draft of By-law now read, be read a second time forthwith.

Ordered—That the Council do not now go into Committee of the whole, on draft of By-law now read a second time, but that it be read a third time forthwith.

Ordered—That the draft of By-law now read a third time do pass, be engrossed, signed and sealed by the Warden.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment brought up Report No. 6.

Ordered—That the Report now read be adopted.

The Special Committee appointed to report on the Toronto, Simcoe and Huron Union Rail-Road, brought up a Report.

On motion of Mr. McConkey, seconded by Mr. Lane,

Ordered—That the Report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. McConkey, seconded by Mr. Carswell.

Ordered—That the Clerk be instructed to provide the County Seal.

The Committee on Contingencies brought up a Report.

On motion of Mr. Cross, (Tecumseth,) seconded by Mr. Morris,

Ordered—That the Report now read be adopted.

On motion of Mr. McConkey, seconded by Mr. Ferguson.

Ordered—That the Clerk be instructed to get the Minutes and proceedings of this Council printed at the earliest date, and on the best terms possible.

Adjourned, sine die.

WM. ARMSON, Warden

Jno. McWatt, Clerk.

A P P E N D I X .

The Standing Committee on County property.

Report No 1.

The Committee on County property to whom was referred the County Surveyors report No. 1, beg leave to report, that they have carefully read Mr. Hayter's letter, respecting the erection of a work house, and under the present circumstances of the County, your Committee cannot recommend his suggestions.

All which is respectfully submitted, HENRY MORRIS,
Committee-Room, Feb. 1st 1850. Chairman.

The Standing Committee on County property No. 2.

The Standing Committee on County property, to whom was referred the Surveyor's Report No. 2, beg leave to report, That they have carefully examined the fire proof vault and alterations which were ordered to be made, and find the work satisfactorily performed. Your Committee consider that the Surveyor has acted judiciously in making the necessary extra alterations which were required. With regard to the cord wood for the use of the Jail and Court-House,—your Committee would recommend that so soon as the quantity has been delivered and certified by the County Surveyor, the Treasurer be authorised to pay the amount to the Contractor.

All which is respectfully submitted, HENRY MORRIS,
Committee-Room 1st Feb., 1850. Chairman.

The Standing Committee on County Property, Report No. 3.

Your Committee to whom was referred the Surveyor's Report No. 3, beg leave to recommend that the following articles and improvements be had and made, That the Clerk of the Peace's room be altered in the way he wishes, not to exceed a sum of three pounds. That two stoves be ordered, not to exceed the sum of four pounds ten shillings, and that the broken one be cramped together, and if then found to be unsafe to be sold and a new one be procured, not to exceed the sum of two pounds five Shillings. That the earth be removed from behind the Court-House and a barrel drain be made on the east side of the same, the price not to exceed the sum of four pounds ten shillings. That two dozen of plain chairs be procured for the use of the Court-House. That the Chimneys be swept twice a year, and oftener if required. With respect to the ash house, we consider it may be done without for the present. Your Committee would recommend that the Surveyor be instructed to carry the same into effect.

All which is respectfully submitted. HENRY MORRIS,
Committee-Room Feb. 1st, 1850. Chairman.

Of Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.

Report No. 1.

To the Simeoe County Council.

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was re-

ferred the Petition of John Pearson, praying for the payment of a sum deducted from the amount stipulated to be paid to him on the due performance of certain repairs on the Roof of the Court-House, in the year 1816, would simply state, that the Committee on District Property appointed by the Council to report upon the subject of these repairs, that same year, gave it as their opinion that the contract had not been duly fulfilled by the Petitioner, that consequently he had no legal claim whatever on the District. But, unwilling to withhold all remuneration, they recommended that as soon as certain alterations should have been effected, the contractor should receive a proportion of the sum conditioned to be paid him, upon which he should give up all claims on the District for any part of this work, and that he should enter into bonds of security guaranteeing the stability of the Court-House during a period of seven years. The Petitioner now prays that the sum thus deducted should be restored to him, and that he should be released from his Bond. Your committee do not think it commendable in the Petitioner to have now preferred a claim, for which he has given an acquittance, nor by a comparison of the Report above alluded to, with other information laid before them, do they conceive it would be justifiable in them to recommend the adoption of the prayer of the petition, the petitioner in their estimation having been most liberally paid for work which seems to have afforded no great satisfaction, and of the present condition of which, after a lapse of four years only, no very high opinion is entertained.

All which is respectfully submitted, GEO. W. BELL,
Committee-Room, Feb. 1st, 1850. Chairman,

Standing Committee on Education.

Report No. 1.

Your Committee to whom was referred the Communication of Thos. A. Ferguson, Student of the Normal School, requesting to be informed whether his services will be required by the Council in any other shape than as Teacher of a common school within the bounds of the County, beg leave to recommend that Mr. Ferguson be informed that in consequence of the very unsatisfactory condition in which both the present and former School acts stand, it is impossible for your committee to come to any definite decision on the matter during the present session of the Council, but would suggest that for the remainder of the current year Mr. Ferguson be recommended to retain his present situation as Teacher of the common school, in Bradford, West Gwillimbury. Your committee have also had under their consideration the report of the District Superintendant of common schools for the year 1849, and beg leave to remark, that altho the condition and position of some of these schools is not such as your committee might desire to see them placed in, still they have every reason to be satisfied with what has

been already accomplished, and confidently expect that should these schools continue to be fostered by wise and beneficial laws, ere long a very great change must take place, not only in the character of the schools, but in the kind and amount of the instruction they are calculated to disseminate. Your committee have also examined the accounts of the Superintendant of common schools for the years 1848 and 1849, and have found them correct; they therefore recommend that the Warden be authorized to sign the abstract of those accounts required by the Inspector General. Your committee have also taken into their consideration the petition of the trustees of school section No 1, Collingwood, praying for a larger portion of the school fund than has been apportioned to them by the District Superintendant. Your committee cannot recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted, for the following reasons. It appears by reference to the District Superintendant, that the sum of money now in his hands belonging to the Township of Collingwood has been several years accumulating, and they consider it would be quite injudicious to apportion any further amount than that already paid, a sum greater than that which would have accrued to them by a strictly legal apportionment. Your committee also beg to state that the whole school fund belonging to Collingwood will be paid into the hands of the Corporation itself on the 1st March next, and they are of opinion that what has required years to accumulate should not be expended at the last moment that the County Council can be expected to exercise any control over it, without the knowledge and approval of the entire population of the Township concerned.

All which is respectfully submitted, ANDW. MOFFAT,
Committee-Room, Feb. 1st, 1850. Chairman.

Report of the Special Committee to whom was referred the petition of certain inhabitants of the Townships of Orillia.

To the Simcoe County Council.

The committee to whom has been referred the petition of certain inhabitants of the Townships of Orillia, praying that the By-law of the late District Council, in as far as it regards that Township be repealed. Your committee beg leave to report, that after a careful examination of the said petition they can see no Legal ground on which to recommend any alteration in the said By-law, and that it is their decided opinion that North Orillia and South Orillia are separate and distinct Townships, in support of which decision they would beg to refer to the eighth of Vic. Cap. 7.

All which is respectfully submitted,
THOS. MACONCHY,
Chairman.

Committee-Room,
February 1st, 1850.

Report of Special Committee on the petition of Moses Hayter, Goaler.
To the Municipal Council of the County of Simcoe.

The special committee appointed to report upon the petition of Moses Hayter, Goaler, in relation to the indigent person, Maxwell, beg leave to report, that a more important subject than this seldom can be brought before the attention of the Council, inasmuch as the present action of the Council may be looked upon as a precedent for the future. Your committee feel that the action of the council must, in pursuance of the dictates of humanity, provide for the support of this individual. He is without a relation in the country, destitute and physically helpless; but whilst your committee would recommend that this rare case of destitution and helplessness should be provided for, they would pointedly declare that it shall not be held as a precedent. Your committee consider that in any case of individual destitution, wherein such individuals have relatives capable of maintaining such poor, that the laws of nature and scripture demand them so to do. We would recommend in this case agreeable to the prayer of the petition, that the District Surveyor arrange with Thomas G. Bond for the keeping of this individual, or with some other person & stricting the allowance to seven shillings and six pence per week, to be paid weekly, for one year.

All which is respectfully submitted,
Committee-Room, Feb. 1st, 1850.

J. LANE, Chairman.

Of Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment, Report No. 2.

To the Simcoe County Council.

The committee of finance and assessment to whom was referred the Treasurer's Report and Balance sheet, shewing at the credit of the County on the 31st Dec, 1849, the sum of £4-6 1s 4d, beg leave to make the following statements as suggested by the former document. The first paragraph which invites remark is that which congratulates the council on the probable and immediate accession to the county revenue, by the proceeds of the Tavern Licenses, of not less than £300, which your committee think it would be advisable to appropriate to the reduction of the county debt. In remarking that the collectors for 1848 have all paid up their balances, an exception is made in the case of the collector of Norwassa, who is still in arrears to some trifling extent. As it is essential that the sum thus remaining uncollected should be recovered without delay, and as it seems unaccountable how the stringent measures adopted by that officer should have failed, your committee do not hesitate in recommending that the Treasurer should be authorised to lose no time in instituting legal proceedings against him. Having examined the several clauses of the new Municipal act referring, amongst other matters, to the manner in which the Taxes have to be raised, your committee observe that provision will have to be made by the Council for the payment of County officers, for the keeping and repairing of the County Court-House and Jail, for the payment of the interest of the county debt, for the liquidation of the principal thereof, and for all other

purposes chargeable against the county, and that all monies required for these purposes must be levied by Tolls or by a rate or rates to be assessed equally on all rateable property, by a schedule furnished by the Treasurer, it appears that the Taxes for 1849 amounted to £2364 19s 6d, that the valuation of property was £236,949 and that the items paid out of the Treasury in remuneration of assessors, collectors and Township clerks, somewhat exceeded £300. In consequence however of these officers being now under the sole control of the Township Councils, the sum of £2000 will probably be adequate to meet the expenses of the county. Estimating still the value of property at £236,949, it will be found that a tax of 2½d in the Pound on all rateable property will realise a sum equivalent to the demand on the county exchequer. With reference to the tax of one penny per acre on absentee wild lands, it is a matter of regret that the road monies thus acquired, from which such advantage has accrued to the community, will for this year be diminished to one eighth. In conclusion, your committee beg leave to submit the accompanying draft of By-law for raising the Taxes for the current year

All which is respectfully submitted,
Committee-Room, Feb. 2nd, 1850.

GEO. WM. BELL,
Chairman.

Of Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment, Report No. 3.
To the Simcoe County Council.

The committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred by-law No. 47 relating to taking the census and the appointment of enumerators and payment of the same, beg leave to recommend that the following By-law be adopted.

All which is respectfully submitted,
Committee-Room, Feb. 1st, 1850.

GEO. WM. BELL,
Chairman.

Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Simcoe.

Standing committee on Roads and Bridges, beg leave to report, that as required they have considered the subject brought before them on the motion of Mr. Ferguson. The committee conclude That all roads (and only such) are county roads which the county Municipal Council deem it to the interest of the inhabitants to assume, as the law directs. That all roads lying or being between different Townships are exclusively under the jurisdiction of and subject to the control of the county councils; and with regard to these your committee would recommend that for the present year these lines be placed under the superintendence of the Reeves of the respective Townships, under the following by-law.

All which is respectfully submitted,

JONATHAN LANE,
Chairman.

Committee-Room,
2nd February, 1850.

1850.

The Committee on County Property, Report No. 4.

The standing committee on county property, to whom was referred the county Surveyor's report No. 4. respecting a back entrance to the Court-House, beg leave to report,—That your committee would recommend the same to be made with as little delay as possible. With regard to the County Seal, your committee would recommend that the engraving of the old seal be copied, altering the word District to County, and altering the date.

All which is respectfully submitted,
Committee-Room, Feb. 2, 1850.

HENRY MORRIS,
Chairman.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Simcoe.

The special committee appointed to report upon the New Municipal Act, beg leave to report, — That aiming at the sole purpose of utility, they will classify their observations under the following very different heads.

First. Certain difficulties or errors we deem the act contain which your committee would desire should be submitted respectfully to the Legislature at its first sitting by the accompanying Memorial.

Secondly. A few observations upon their own power and duties under the act.

Thirdly. For the purpose of uniformity and facilitating the public business of the county at large, certain recommendations to the Reeves of the several Townships.

The powers and duties of the present councils in relation to some matters are greatly extended, particularly with regard to provisions for aiding a higher state of schoolastic education—greater public improvements of Roads, Bridges &c., which as the counties increase in population and wealth will be available, and greatly beneficial to the progress and happiness of the people. Your committee would recommend to the attention of the several Township Reeves, the following suggestions chiefly derived from the 1 Vic., chap 21.

Township clerks to keep two or more Books, and to register all proceedings of corporation—in one of which the affidavits or declarations of office, shall be enregistered.

Each Township or United Township to provide a seal bearing the proper title of the Township.

Township clerk immediately after the appointment of the Township officers to place in such public places as directed, lists of the various officers and also to forward a copy of such list to the Clerk of the Peace, as far as regards the assessors and collectors.

That all Township officers except those required to take oaths of office, shall sign a declaration in the clerks books within twenty days after their appointment, in default of which the clerk shall lay before the Township Reeve a list of such defaulters,—who shall be subject to the fines hereinafter named or pointed out; and the Corporation shall appoint as early as convenient other officers in their stead.

The Declaration as given in the above named Act to be the Declara-

tions taken by officers allowed to declare.

20th clause of said Act to be followed substituting the term Municipality for Magistrate.

21 sec. followed, but recommend that the overseers be supplied with printed forms.

22 sec. adopted.

23 " " substituting the word By-law, for act.

24 adopted.

25 do, omitting that portion referring to town lines.

26 sec. adopted.

27 do with the Municipality substituted for Magistrate—
By-law for Act.

28 sec. adopted.

29 do substituted the word municipality for Warden.

30th and 31st sec. adopted.

With regard to the office of Pound keepers, we would recommend the tariff of fees of the late District Council, and for the further guidance of the Township Councils we would refer them to 1st Vict cap. 21.

36 sec. adopted, after the words declarations of office or oath taken.

34 Adopted by making it applicable to Townships.

51 sec. adopted—also, see cap. 16 1st vic.

Fence Viewers (Vide) 12 cap 4 of Wm. 4. With regard to duties and emoluments of collectors and assessors take By-law of the present sitting of the Council as a guide.

All which is respectfully submitted
Committee-Room, Feb 2nd, 1850.

J. LANE, Chairman.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly, in Parliament Assembled.

The memorial of the county council of the county of Simcoe in council assembled.

Respectfully sheweth —That your Memorialists, receive with much satisfaction the new Municipal Act, believing that its extended powers granted to Municipal corporations, when accompanied by the anticipated Assessment Act, and with certain alterations which time and its working may show necessary, will prove greatly beneficial.

For its early improvement we respectfully submit the following suggestions.

Sec. 12 and 16 appear to Your Memorialists contradictory,—the latter being undoubtedly an accidental interpretation.

14 From the latter part of this section a difficulty might arise, as, however small the Ward, or portion of Ward, or small the number of inhabitants, that portion would retain a councillor.

38 This clause we would suggest should read, that the Town Lines or roads lying between Townships should remain with and under the control of the Township corporations, with an appeal to the county council in the event of any dispute arising between such Townships upon matters relating to such lines.

Sec. 40 and 144,—clash,—see 40 provides that the council shall audit and allow accounts—the 144 s c. provides such duties shall be with the Auditor,—after the lapse of some years of Municipal experience, we deem the Office of Auditor as useless, all accounts being scrutinized by the Municipal Council.

6 clause under 41 sec. is not fully intelligible.

11 clause under 41 sec. and 187, relating to the stopping of roads, are contradictory.

Councils are required to raise, levy, collect and appropriate, monies required for all county purposes,—the power of collecting does not seem sufficiently defined.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Simcoe.

The Special Committee appointed to report standing Rules and Regulations for conducting the business of the Council, beg leave to report; That they recommend the adoption of the following,—

All which is respectfully submitted, THOS. MACDONALD,
Committee-Room, Feb. 2nd. Chairman.

[Here followed the Rules.]

Of Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.

Report Feb. 4.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Simcoe.

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred for consideration the salaries of County officers for the present year, beg leave to state, that they have drafted a Bye law for the approval of the Council, fixing these salaries as follows, viz.

The Treasurer of the County,	£150 0 0
The Clerk do. do.	50 0 0
The Surveyor do. do.	20 0 0
The Auditor each, do.	2 10 0
The Keeper of the Court House,	12 10 0

In recommending this scale of payments, your committee would observe that they have not properly ascertained how the duties of these officers may be affected by the new Municipal Act; the majority are old and well tested servants of the Council, whose compensation has scarcely been adequate to the work they have had to perform, and whose past services will doubtless not be forgotten when a comparison of their past and future duties is instituted, which owing to the press of business now bearing on the Council, your committee suggest should be deferred to some future session. For the payments as above recommended your committee beg to submit the accompanying draft of bye law.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. MACDONALD.

Chairman.

Committee Room, Feb. 2, 1850

Of Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.

Report, No. 5.

To the Simcoe County Council.

The committee on Finance and Assessment, to whose consideration was submitted the payment of the Members of this Council, for their services as such, beg leave to report. That they conceive the sum of six shillings and three pence, Currency, per day, would be a suitable remuneration for each day's attendance, with the additional allowance of a mileage of two pence per mile, to each member, over and above the distance of ten miles, which shall apply to both coming and going. — Your committee also suggest, that to preclude the possibility of dispute, the amount of mileage to which each member is entitled shall be determined by the County Clerk. Your committee beg leave, for this purpose, to submit the accompanying draft of by-law.

All which is respectfully submitted, GEO. WM. BELL,
Committee-Room, Feb. 2nd, 1850. Chairman

To the Municipal Council of the County of Simcoe.

The special Committee appointed to report upon the Subject of the Toronto, Simcoe and Lake Huron Railroad, beg leave to report, — That they consider the accomplishment of this great project as all important to the welfare of the County of Simcoe. That they will cordially concur in, and aid the undertaking under any secure and satisfactory plan that will admit the action of Corporate Bodies. That they see with satisfaction the late demonstration of the people of Toronto upon the subject, believing that such a work would greatly conduce, commercially and morally, to the advancement of the County.

All which is respectfully submitted, THOS. MACONCHY.
Committee-Room, Feb. 2, 1850. Chairman.

Of Standing Committee on Finance and Assessment.

Report No. 6.

To the Simcoe County Council.

The Committee on Finance and Assessment, to whom was referred Auditors' reports Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, beg to inform the Council that they are satisfied with the accuracy of these documents. Referring to report No. 2 your committee are struck with the large balance of road monies, which the Township clerk of Collingwood is shown to have in hand. Considering the state of the public highways in the back Townships, and the anxiety usually evinced in the distribution of this very important fund, it is inconceivable how so large a sum should remain unappropriated. As the County Council however has now no control over this money, it is unnecessary for your committee to make any further comment on the subject. Auditors reports Nos. 3 and 4 shew the following accounts chargeable against the County, viz:—

Charles Vale, for iron shutters.	£8	0	0
Henry Ainlie, sweeping chimneys, &c.,	1	5	0
S. M. Sanford, for candle sticks,	2	8	0
H. B. Hopkins, making out bond,	0	10	0
T. F. Davies, printing,	14	9	9½
James Turner, for vault, &c.,	91	0	9½
H. Creswicke, letter postage,	0	1	10½
A. Burnett, fixing stoves,	1	2	7
S. M. Sanford, for wharfage,	0	15	4½
	£119	13	5

Your Committee therefore recommend that the Warden do issue his warrant for the payment of the said accounts. All which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. WM. BELL, Chairman.

Committee Room, Feb. 2nd, 1850.

The committee on Contingencies having examined the several accounts and allowances necessary to be granted for services performed, would recommend that the chairman do issue his warrant for the payment of the following sums, viz :—

	£	s.	n.
John McWatt, for stationary,	0	16	8
do. Candles,	0	9	2
do. Postage,	2	1	0
do. Copying Minutes, October Session,	4	0	0
	7	6	10
William Foster, 1850, to 6 days attendance as Messenger, 5s. per day.	1	10	0
Francis Martin, 1850, to 6 days attendance as Constable, 5s. per day.	1	10	0
Total,	£10	6	10
All which is respectfully submitted,	ROBERT CROSS,		
Committee-Room, Feb. 2nd, 1850.	Chairman,		

Report of Superintendent of Common Schools.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Simcoe.

Gentlemen,—I have the honour to lay before you a report on the state of the Common Schools of the County, but I much regret that in consequence of not having received the whole of the trustees' returns for the past year I shall be compelled, in a great measure, to resort to those for 1848, as the basis of the information I am desirous of supplying. There were then 89 Schools in operation, conducted by 86 male and 3 female teachers, at an average salary of £38 each. These schools were attended by 2243 male and 1792 female pupils, out of a resident population of 8291. They were kept open, on the average,

during 51 months of the year, and to pay the salaries of the teachers £1172 3s. 2d. had been raised by rate-payers, an amount exceeding that of the preceding year, £1700. Altho' by the above statistics it appears that the number of scholars of the public school population have increased since 1847, during the year, still it is gratifying to reflect that the attendance is not only increasing, and that in a greater ratio than the population; but a much greater improvement, one involving more important considerations, and pregnant with beneficial influences on the future interests of society is to be found in the change which the character of the schools has undergone. Many of those which in 1847 occupied the lowest rank, now belong to the second class; and the number of schools of the first class has considerably increased; altho' those of the latter kind are chiefly to be found in the Townships of West-Orillany and Tecumseh, still they are gradually spreading themselves over other parts of the County, and Innisfil, Essa, Verner, Crama and St. Vincent, can now boast of Schools conducted by teachers capable of imparting a good English (and in some instances a classical) education. I am glad to observe that the Irish National School Books have been very generally introduced into the County during the last two years, and from the amount of varied and useful information they contain, and their perfect adaptation to every purpose of the teacher, I am convinced that the happiest effects will be experienced from their introduction. A few days since I received a circular from the Inspector General, stating that it was the intention of the Administration to re-consider the school Act of last Session. Conceiving that education is the first concern of society; and that it ought to have the energies of society's best minds, and that it is incumbent upon every friend of the cause to lend his best assistance to perfect our common school system, I beg leave to lay the document before you with a view of eliciting the opinion of the Council on so important a subject, an opinion which I am sure will have due weight in the deliberation of the Government. Accompanying this report is a statement of the expenditure of the school fund during the past year, together with the proper vouchers. I shall feel obliged by your auditing the same, and if found correct, will thank you to certify to the prepared abstract which accompanies the accounts; for the satisfaction of the Inspector General. Should the Council not be perfectly acquainted with the details of the present and former school acts, or should it wish for any information which it is in my power to give, I shall be at hand to offer it.

I have the honour to be, gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

H. A. CLIFFORD, S. C. S.

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Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the

Debtor.

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance as per acct. rendered Feb. 1849,	397	10	6
To Am't of taxes rec'd. from Collector of Adjala,	58	13	4
To Balance of do. from West Gwillimbury,	53	15	1
" Innisfil,	25	2	6
" Orillia,	6	19	6
" Oro, for 1847,	11	10	8
" Tecumseth,	82	0	0
" Nottawasaga,	10	0	0
Amount of taxes from Essa,	25	1	4
" Mulmur,	14	5	10
" Medonte,	31	9	6
" Oro,	60	13	9
" Tay,	10	12	3
" Tossorontio,	9	18	5
" Mono,	68	15	1
" Flos,	11	15	8
" Sunnidale,	8	14	6
" Tiny,	13	16	3
Balance " Vespra,	12	1	0
Township Superintendent of Adjala,	0	10	2

	916	5	4
By am't. paid Teachers on order of Trustees, 1848,	629	2	3½
To balance carried to account of 1849,	287	3	0½

S. C. S., for the year 1848.

Credit

Pay

		£	s	d
1	Jno. McAulay,	7	6	0
2	Jno. Currie,	9	0	0
3	Jno. Henry,	10	0	0
4	James Sigsworth,	12	10	8
5	do. for William Tindall,	2	19	0
6	Mathew Lawson,	9	2	1
7	Thomas Goldsmith,	7	8	0
8	William Porter,	8	9	0
9	George Ramsay,	2	0	0
10	do.	0	8	11
11	William Lewis,	13	15	9
12	John. Jerritt,	9	4	1
13	McIsland for J. May,	7	6	1
14	do. for W. Noble,	6	17	0
15	do. for R. Martin,	7	15	0
16	J. Nisbitt for F. Algeo,	3	0	0
17	L. Clament for do.,	2	17	0
18	W. Wallace,	2	0	0
19	do.	3	0	0
20	John Alexander for J. Currie,	8	13	0
21	J. R. Ross,	3	15	0
22	do.	0	2	7
23	Trustees No. 5, St. Vincent,	2	16	19
24	Joyce Sparrow,	5	16	4
25	J. Aberdeen,	2	15	0
26	A. Cormoy,	1	11	8
27	Patrick Tindle,	15	0	0
28	Robert Jeffs,	1	2	7
29	Daniel O'Leary,	1	9	10
30	W. Smith,	3	0	0
31	Trustees No. 2 St. Vincent, per W. Trout	2	19	0
32	S. Lane for R. Hutchinson,	11	13	1
33	Patrick Sleator,	15	13	0
34	S. Jenkins,	9	10	0
35	T. Brown,	8	0	0
36	Rob. Armetage,	7	1	8
37	J. Rutledge,	9	1	5
38	J. H. King,	7	0	7
39	do.	5	0	0
		302	19	9

Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the

Debtor.

Receipts.

	<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
To amount brought forward,	287	3	0½

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S. C. S., for the year 1848.

Creditors.

Payments.

		£	s.	d.
	By amount brought forward,	26	18	0
40	W. H. King,	5	3	9
41	do.	1	0	0
42	A. McDonald,	8	17	3
43	G. Toxley,	5	15	1
44	Gilbert McAulay,	6	19	0
45	Thomas Doyle,	6	0	3
46	Thos. Gregson,	8	10	7
47	J. Cuppage,	3	1	1
48	James Mahon,	7	8	0
49	H. F. Goss,	5	2	0
50	Edward Plamou,	5	17	0
51	D. O'Leary, for J. O'Leary,	1	0	0
52	Thos. Nealey,	5	0	3
53	J. Peacock, for ditto,	2	0	5
54	J. McFarlane,	20	10	0
55	do.	0	13	1
56	John Russel,	0	4	6
57	F. O'Brien, for Patrick Smith,	1	1	0
58	J. D. Bruce,	1	17	0
59	J. Carter, for J. Greer,	2	1	0
60	A. Campbell,	1	0	7 1/2
61	E. Allan,	2	1	0
62	J. M. Dally,	11	13	11
63	F. Bond,	3	15	0
64	C. McVitt, for A. Cotton,	2	15	0
65	W. Greenshields for J. Greenshields,	5	0	0
66	J. Greenshields,	5	0	0
67	do.	3	0	0
68	W. E. Pearsall,	7	0	0
69	do.	7	0	0
70	A. Cornerford,	10	0	0
71	J. Armstrong,	7	0	0
72	Archibald Campbell,	3	0	0
73	do.	1	0	0
74	Davis Croghan,	3	10	0
75	do.	1	0	3
76	Patrick Hughes,	2	8	4
77	do.	3	5	0

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Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the

Debtor.

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
To amount brought forward,	287	3	0½

287 3 0½

S. C. S. for the year 1848.

Creditor.

Payments.

		£	s.	d.
	By amount brought forward,	492	16	1
78	J. Bonsall,	7	10	0
79	J. Johnston,	4	10	2
80	John McBeath,	8	2	7
81	S. Jenkins,	4	0	0
82	Den. O'Leary,	2	17	8
83	do.	3	0	0
84	C. Debenham,	4	14	9
85	do.	5	16	0
86	do.	4	9	7
87	C. Pywell,	6	0	0
88	Miss Haughton,	6	0	6
89	J. Hill, for R. Futhy,	6	0	0
90	J. Chantler, for R. Rorke,	2	1	8
91	J. Birnie, for J. Phelan,	8	0	5
92	Samuel Ross,	2	10	8
93	W. Power,	3	5	0
94	J. Grant, for do.	3	15	0
95	T. McMaster,	5	0	0
96	J. Lane, for do.	2	0	0
97	W. Thompson,	4	0	0
98	do.	2	1	7
99	Edward Luck,	9	1	5
100	T. O'Reilly,	12	9	11
101	T. J. Flynn,	5	12	0
102	do. for Susan Flynn,	4	7	9
103	J. Magee Collector of Essa for taxes overpaid by him for 1847,	0	15	0
104	Peter Ferguson	5	0	0
105	Wm. Dunn,	2	8	11
106	Duncan Clark,	0	5	7½
		329	2	3½

I hereby certify, that the above is a correct
statement of the expenditure of the School
funds since Feb. 1848 for the same year.

H. A. CLIFFORD,

Seperintendant of C. S.

Simcoe District.

Account of the receipts and Disbursements of the

Debtor.

Receipts.

To balance from account for 1848,	287	3	0½
To amount of school fund recd. from Government	637	11	1½
To amount of Taxes from col. of West Gwillimbury,	130	15	0
do. do. Innisfil	56	12	3

By am't paid teachers, salary of Dist. Supt. 1849.	1112	1	5
	773	1	2½
Balance on hand January 30, 1850	339	0	2½

S. C. S. for the year 1849.

Creditor.

Payments.

		£	s.	d.
1	P. F. Dissette,	5	0	0
2	do.	2	15	0
3	do.	4	0	0
4	Jno. Armstrong,	7	12	6
5	Edward Slee,	13	11	7
6	Jas. Greenshields,	10	0	0
7	R. Morrison,	8	0	0
8	J. McAulay,	7	2	11
9	T. Goldsmith,	7	2	9
10	Daniel O'Leary,	8	5	0
11	Alexander McDonald,	10	0	0
12	Edward Anderson,	7	13	5
13	Patrick Hughes,	9	0	0
14	A. Comerford,	7	0	3
15	Den. O'Leary,	6	16	3
16	Thomas McMahon,	6	16	3
17	P. S. Courtney,	4	12	5½
18	Mrs. Lawson,	8	10	0
19	R. Somerville,	4	6	1
20	J. Jerrett for co.,	3	0	0
21	Simp. Jenkins,	7	10	6
22	Thos. Gregson,	4	11	6½
23	do.	12	17	3
24	Edward Luck,	8	3	7
25	do.,	3	11	3
26	Adam McKay,	8	17	2½
27	do.,	8	17	2½
28	S. L. Parmela,	4	7	2
29	do.	4	7	2
30	Thomas McCollock,	6	10	10
31	do.	6	10	10
32	T. Doyle,	9	15	10½
33	James Mahon,	7	19	8½
34	J. Ferguson,	4	0	0
35	J. Harper for R. Wardlaw,	10	3	6
36	W. Haughton,	6	11	7
37	Jos. Ross,	7	9	0
38	James Shaw,	5	0	0
39	G. Townley,	6	2	6

30 APPENDIX TO JOURNAL OF THE COUNTY OF SIMCOE COUNCIL. [1850.

Account of the Receipts and Disbursments of the

Debtor.

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
To Amount brought forward,	349	0	2½

S. C. S. for the year 1849.

Creditor.

Payments.

		£	s.	d.
	By Amount brought forward.	274	14	2
40	do.	6	2	6
41	Jno. McFarlane,	16	0	0
42	Robert Orchard,	7	9	4
43	Samuel Ross,	5	12	0
44	John Henry,	10	0	0
45	Thomas Milne,	3	5	2
46	do.	3	5	2
47	W. F. Bonsall.	16	10	0
48	Eliza Jimby,	5	17	5
49	J. Johnston,	4	10	0
50	do.	8	10	0
51	W. Porter,	8	10	7
52	do.	8	10	6
53	Isab. Campbell,	6	2	7
54	William Lewis,	13	16	2
55	Thos Flynn,	8	1	9
56	Susan Flynn,	5	14	1
57	John Russell,	15	7	8½
58	Donald McKay,	10	0	0
59	do.	5	10	0
60	J. H. King,	10	5	6
61	J. Alexander for Mr. Smith,	2	16	4
62	Jas. Hanran,	9	13	9
63	George Sneath,	4	15	0
64	D. Croghan,	9	5	6
65	J. D. Bruce,	5	14	1
66	J. Aberdeen,	4	10	0
67	W. E. McKay,	3	18	3
68	J. McPherson,	5	0	0
69	do.	8	14	8
70	Gilbert McAulay,	5	6	10½
71	James Gravett,	5	0	0
72	A. Connoy,	6	18	0
73	Patrick Ferguson,	10	0	0
74	Peter O'Farrell,	5	12	5
75	do	5	9	1½
76	Patrick Lanon,	5	0	0
77	J. Lane for do.,	3	0	0
		554	8	7½

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Account of Receipts and Disbursements of the
Debtor.

Receipts.

To amount brought forward, £349 0 2½

S. C. S. for the year 1849.

Creditor.

Payments.

		£	s.	d.
	By Amount brought forward,	554	8	7½
78	R. Rattray for W. McLaurin,	4	0	0
79	John Sutherland for J. McKay,	13	0	0
80	James McKay,	13	8	3
81	John Campbell,	8	16	7
82	D. Crogan,	13	10	3
83	McDunphy,	6	0	0
84	L. M. Daley,	8	16	7
85	Ari Raymond,	3	0	0
86	do.	9	2	2
87	Wm. Thompson,	10	0	0
88	G. Lount for P. Shaw,	2	0	0
89	J. Jerrett	7	10	0
90	Wm. Power,	6	3	8
91	do.	3	0	0
92	Peter Dally,	5	16	3
93	P. Ferguson for J. Ferguson,	10	0	0
94	H. F. Goss,	3	10	10
95	do.	5	15	0
96	R. C. Stewart,	6	0	0
97	J. Raddle for do.	5	13	0
88	E. Marks for G. Cooke,	3	3	0

Paid teachers to this date,	703	1	2½
Salary of District Superintendent for 1849.	70	0	0

Total amount paid,

773 1 2½

I hereby certify, that the above is a correct statement of the expenditure of the School funds for the year 1849, up to this date.

H. A. CLIFFORD

Superintendent of C. S.

Simcoe District.

January 30th, 1850.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Warden and Members of the Municipal Council,
of the County of Simcoe.

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to lay before you my Account Current, balanced on the 31st Dec., 1849, by the sum of £186 1s 4d at the credit of the County. So short a period has elapsed, since I drew up for your information, a full statement in detail of the Assets and Liabilities of the County, as well as of its improved position with regard to its resources and finances, by a comparison of the present amount of Assessment, with that of 1843, as shown in Abstract account C, dated the 1st October, that I do not feel it necessary to occupy the valuable time of the Council, with many remarks on the Financial affairs of the County. It gives me much satisfaction to be able to state, that the revenue of the County, will henceforth be increased by the Proceeds of the tavern licences which last year amounted to £275. The collectors for 1848, (whom I reported in default at the last session of the Council,) have all paid up the balances due from them, with the exception of the collector of Nottawasaga, by whom a small amount still remains uncollected. That sum might undoubtedly have been recovered by the institution of Legal proceedings against him, but as that officer appears to have met with obstructions in the discharge of his duties, for which the law has provided no remedy. I have forbore putting him to any serious expence, till I could put the Council in possession of the facts connected with them. From his statement it appears, that certain parties having neglected or refused to pay their Taxes, he (the collector) took out Distress Warrants, and levied upon their personal property, but when the day of sale came, no Purchasers were to be found in the township, and as the law does not appear to recognize the right of a collector to remove the Distress out of the township, the collector has no means of realizing the amount due from the recusant parties. As the new Municipal Council Act (12 Viet. chap 81,) has come into operation, I beg leave to make a few remarks, and respectfully to offer certain suggestions regarding those provisions of the Statute, which relate to the duties of assessors and collectors. It appears by the 31st Sec. of that Act, that the duties of those officers shall be prescribed, and the remuneration for their services, as well as the security to be given by the latter for the faithful discharge of his duty shall be determined by the Council of the Township for which they may be appointed. In my judgement, that portion of the Act would have operated more beneficially for the community, had the Assessor, to whom the County Council, as a directing head of that community, looks for a correct return of all rateable property, and on whom it must depend for statistical information; and had the collector who levies county rates, which, on his Roll, will as compared with the town-

ship Rates, be generally in the proportion of two to one, be placed more immediately under the control of the county council, and it must be obvious, that if each township council should exercise the power entrusted to it by this part of the statute, irrespective of the Bye-laws and regulations of the other townships, and some uniform system be not adopted relative to the duties of those officers, it must give rise to much confusion, cause serious inconvenience to the county council and its officers, and prove highly detrimental to the interests of the townships collectively. To guard against such a contingency, I trust the council will give the matter its serious consideration, and as each member may be said to reflect the opinion of the township which he represents, it will be a matter of no great difficulty to draft a code of regulations applicable to the duties of Assessors and collectors, to the rate of their percentage, and to the form of their Bonds, and to recommend the same for the adoption of each township council. And the collective wisdom of the county having thus been brought to bear upon the subject matter, it is scarcely to be apprehended, that any township council, would for the sake of singularity, reject such recommendation. I would also beg leave to draw your attention to the latter part of the 41st Sec. of the Act, which defines the manner in which the taxes are to be levied. On referring to that Section, it will be seen that all monies required, must be levied either by tolls, or by means of a rate or rates, to be assessed equally on all rateable property liable to Assessment, according to any law which shall be in force in Upper Canada concerning rates and assessments. This would seem, to imply, that a Tax of so much per acre cannot be imposed, and it is therefore to be feared, that the county will (for the current year,) lose the benefit of the tax of one penny per acre, as far as regards the lands of absentee proprietors. With regard to ordinary assessed taxes, it will be found, that a rate of $2\frac{1}{2}$ in the pound on all rateable property, will produce a sum rather greater than that at present raised, by the tax of 1d per acre on lands, and $2\frac{1}{2}$ in the pound on all rateable property other than land. It remains then to be considered, how the difficulty with regard to a tax on absentee wild lands is to be dealt with. In my opinion, they would (under the provisions of this Act) be liable to such rate as the council may impose on any other property, regard being had to the valuation fixed by 59 Geo 3, chapter 7, in which case a rate of $2\frac{1}{2}$ in the Pound, would be equal to a tax of one half penny per acre. On this point it will be necessary that the decision of the council be communicated to me, for my guidance, in the event of absentee proprietors wishing to pay taxes for the current year. I am not aware of any other matter affecting my duties, or relating to the financial affairs of the District, to which it is necessary to call your attention, but I take this opportunity of tendering my thanks

to the council, for the honor it has done me, in reappointing me to the Treasurship of the county. I have always endeavoured to discharge the duties of that office faithfully, to the trust of my ability and judgement, and I trust that the financial affairs of the county (so far as I may have control over them) will always be conducted to the satisfaction of the council. It only remains now for me to tender the names of the Hon. W. B. Robinson and Jas. Dallas, Esquires, my surities and to state, that so soon as I shall be notified that the same are approved of, I shall be prepared to enter into security in such amount as may be determined by the council.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

EDMUND LALLY,

Treasurer, County of Simcoe.

Treasurer's Office,

Barrie, Jan. 26th, 1850.

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Edmund Lolly, Treasurer, in Account.

Debtor.

Receipts.

			£.	s.	d.
1849.		To Balance,	417	2	10
Oct.	1	Amount of Government Warrant,	124	1	3
	2	Collector of Flos, balance of taxes for 1848,	10	3	2½
	5	Collector of West Gwillimbury do. on acct.	20	3	7
	31	Wild land taxes received in October,	8	5	2
	"	Fines do. do.	7	11	0
Nov.	1	Collector of Tecumseth on acct. taxes for '48	33	19	10
	3	Collector of Mono balance do. do.	49	7	3
	15	Collector of Essa, on acct. do. do.	46	15	1
	"	Collector of Oro, on acct. do. do.	40	7	10
	19	do. do. on acct. do. do.	2	7	7½
	30	Wild land taxes received in November.	3	17	1
	"	Fines, do do.	5	5	4
	"	Collector of Mu'mur on acct. of taxes for '48	4	15	3
Dec.	29	Collector of West Gwillimbury do. do.	9	10	6
	"	do. do. do. 1849,	174	0	1
	31	Collector of Vespra, do. 1848,	61	1	0
	"	Wild land taxes received in December,	32	10	11½

Current with the County of Simcoe.

Creditor.

Date.		Payments.	Vis.	Amount.			
				£	s	d	
d.	Oct. 1	By pd. W. Povey per order of Dist. Council,	1		6	10	
10	2	Collector and assessor of Flos for 1848,	2	4	19	1	
3	4	D. Mc Devitt, painter, per order of Dist					
2½		Council, on account,	3	2	0	0	
7	6	E. Jeffry coroner, per order of Sessions	4	3	2	0	
2	10	T. Clerk of Tay for 1849,	5	4	0	0	
0	"	District Councillors for Oct. Sessions,	6	44	13	2	
10	"	District Council contingent account,	7	35	12	10	
3	17	W. O'Neil constable per order of Sess.	8	0	15	4	
1	18	Jas. Turner, per order of Dist. Surveyor,	9	3	0	0	
10	20	Three indigent witnesses,	10	2	0	0	
7½	26	D. McDevitt, painter, bal. of account,	11	8	11	2	
1	"	F. Martin, per order of Dist. Council,	12	0	6	3	
4	29	T. Ferguson per order of do. on acct	13	0	18	9	
3	"	T. F. Davies, advertising lands liable to					
6		sale for taxes,	14	22	0	0	
1	Nov. 1	J. Bacon for sweeping chimneys of court					
0		house and Gaol,	15	1	5	0	
11½	"	County on two Wolf scalps,	16	3	0	0	
	"	Assessor of Tecumseth for 1843,	17	19	8	0½	
	3	Collector and assessor of Mono for 1848,	18	30	9	8	
	"	Jas. Turner per order of Dist. Surveyor,	19	7	0	0	
	"	C. Vale, for iron doors for vault in Regis-					
		trar's office,	21	26	17	0	
	15	Peter Ferguson, b.d. on account,	21	0	19	0	
	15	Collector of Oro for 1848,	22	10	0	11	
	"	T. Clerk do. do.	23	6	0	0	
	21	T. Clerk of Flos, for 1849,	24	4	0	0	
	23	J. Beardsley per order of sessions,	25	12	7	10	
	"	Mr. Sheriff Smith, do. do.	26	52	9	0	
	"	N. Willing constable,	27	5	18	2	
	"	E. Harris constable,	28	8	16	8	
	"	M. Hoyter, Gaoler,	29	48	4	10½	
	"	Pd. J. Creaser constable per order of sess	30	3	7	0	
	"	Clerk of the Peace,	31	34	9	2	
	"	J. Scott constable,	32	2	7	9	
	"	D. Morrow constable,	33	1	15	0	
	24	T. Hagart constable,	34	2	11	8	
	27	W. Foster constable,	35	2	5	6	
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Edmund Lally, Treasurer, in Account,

Debtor.

Receipts.

	£	s	d
To amount brought forward,	1051	4	11

Examined and found correct as per Cash Book.

John Atkinson, }
Wm. Graham. } Auditors.
Barrie, Jan. 24, 1850.

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Current with the County of Simcoe.

		Creditor.				
Date.		Payments.	Vrs.	Amount.		
				£	s.	d.
		By amount brought forward,		415	10	5½
	"	U. C. Gazette, publishing Schedule of				
		lands liable to sale for taxes,	35	11	14	0
29		J. Robinson coroner per order of sess.	37	3	2	6
	"	J. Orr, Surgeon, "	38	12	0	0
	"	W. Graham, constable, "	39	2	8	9
29		B. Mallock constable, "	40	2	2	0
	"	A. Pass, "	41	1	17	11
	"	J. McBrien constable, "	42	2	0	0
	"	G. McNaught constable, "	43	2	14	3
Dec. 1		T. F. Davies printer, "	44	8	8	6
3		R. McCracken constable, "	45	0	13	7
4		Bounty on a wolf scalp,	46	1	10	0
	"	J. Firth constable per order of sessions,	7	1	4	4
13		A. Burnett per order of Dist. Council,	48	4	0	9½
	"	Redemption on No 29 in 1st conces-				
		sion Nottawasaga, sold in error,	49	7	7	8
	"	Int't on Debentures Nos 14 18, 17 20,		49	14	10
21		Jas. Turner, per order of Dist. surveyor,	50	15	0	0
24		R. Ferguson coroner per order of sess	51	2	8	6
26		Treasurer, for services connected with				
		the administration of crim justice,	52	15	0	0
29		T. Clerk of West Gwillimbury for '49,	53	6	0	0
31		Amount in treasury,		436	1	4

EDM'D LALLY, Treasurer C. S.

Treasurer's office, Barrie, Jan. 5, 1850.

Examined and found correct as per Vrs.

John Atkinson, }

Wm. Graham, }

Auditors.

Barrie, Jan'y 21, 1850.

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No. 81.]

BY-LAW

For the purpose of appointing enumerators to take the Census in the County of Simcoe.

Whereas by the Tenth and Eleventh Vic. cap. 14, an act was passed, entitled an act for taking the Census of this province, and obtaining statistical information therein. And whereas, by the sixth and eighth sections of said act, District Councils were authorized and required to divide the District into enumeration divisions, and to appoint and pay enumerators for taking the Census. it is necessary that the enumeration divisions should be defined within the County of Simcoe. Be it therefore enacted by and with the consent of the Warden and Council assembled, and it is hereby enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that each township or Unions of Townships in this County be, and is considered to be an enumerative Division for the purpose of the Act herein before mentioned. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the assessors in each township or Unions of Townships, for this year, be the enumerators for taking the Census in conformity with the provision of the said act. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the assessors of each township or Union of townships shall receive out of the County funds one half of the amount they severally receive for taking the assessment, according to the Assessment Rolls of such Township or Union of Townships.

WM. ARMSON, Warden.

Council-Hall, Feb. 1st, 1850.

[No. 82.]

A BY-LAW

For the purpose of raising and levying Taxes for the current year.

Whereas it is found expedient to raise a sufficient sum to meet all the expenses chargeable by law on the County, during the current year. Be it therefore hereby enacted, by the Municipal Council, of the County of Simcoe, in Council Assembled, under and by virtue of an act of the Provincial Parliament, entitled "An act to provide by one general law for the erection of Municipal Corporations, and the establishment of regulations of Police, in and for the several Counties, Cities, Towns, Townships and Villages in Upper Canada," and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that for this purpose there be raised, levied and collected a tax of two pence and one farthing in the pound, upon all the rateable property of the County, which shall be collected, as hereinafter provided. And be it further enacted that the assessors and collectors for the townships and union of townships shall, as far as County rates are concerned, be assessors and collectors for the County. And be it further enacted, by the authority

aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful for the assessor of any township or union of townships, and he is hereby authorised and required to demand and to receive from every rateable inhabitant resident within the township or Union of townships, a list of all the rateable personal property in his, her, or their possession, in the Province, and of all the lands, tenements, or other real estate in his, her, or their possession in the township or union of townships, specifying the number of the lot or lots or parts thereof, the number of the concession or concessions, in which the same is or are situated, or otherwise particularly describing the same, and also the number of acres cultivated or uncultivated in each lot or parcel of land, which list shall be taken between the first Monday of January and the first day of May, next following, and shall make a return within the time aforesaid, duly attested under oath or affirmation before the Clerk of the Peace for the County, of all the rateable inhabitants, with a true list of their rateable property specifying the particulars above mentioned, and shall in like manner insert his own rateable property therein, and shall also extend on said roll the amount of which he, she or they shall be liable to pay tax opposite to their respective names, at the foot of which he shall subscribe his name, and shall cause the said return to be delivered to the Clerk of the Peace on or before the 1st day of May, aforesaid, to be by the said Clerk of the Peace laid before the said County council at its first sitting after said 1st day of May, and shall also within the time aforesaid, put up a correct copy thereof in some conspicuous place within the township or union of townships for the inspection of the inhabitants, and the said assessors shall, and they are hereby required, to report to the head of each Municipal township council the names of all such persons in the township or union of townships as they conceive to have either given in a false list, or have refused or neglected to give in a list, as the law directs, of their rateable property in order that such offenders may be dealt with according to law, at least 14 days previous to his returning such roll to the Clerk of the Peace. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful for the treasurer of the County to pay to every assessor, on the certificate of the Clerk of the peace, that the assessment roll of the township or union of townships for which he shall have been assessor hath been duly delivered according to law, the following fees for that portion of the assessment performed by him for County purposes.—If the assessment of the rate of one penny in the pound for the year does not amount to fifty pounds, he shall receive a sum equal to seven pounds for every one hundred pounds.—if above fifty pounds and under one hundred pounds a sum equal to six pounds ten shillings for every one hundred pounds.—if above one hundred pounds and under one hundred and fifty pounds, a sum equal to six pounds for every one hundred pounds.—if above one hundred and fifty pounds and under two hundred pounds a sum equal to five pounds five shillings for every one hundred pounds.—if above two hundred pounds and under two hundred and fifty pounds a sum equal to four pounds fifteen shillings for every one hundred

pounds,—if above two hundred and fifty pounds and under three hundred pounds a sum equal to four pounds five shillings for every one hundred pounds,—if above three hundred pounds and under three hundred and fifty pounds a sum equal to four pounds for every one hundred pounds,—if above three hundred and fifty pounds a sum equal to three pounds ten shillings for every one hundred pounds. And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be the duty of the collector appointed for a township or union of townships to make application to the Clerk of the Peace (first having lodged with the treasurer of the County, the bond hereinafter mentioned, the securities to which bond shall be freeholders, and as such certified by the Reeve of such township or union of townships to be good and sufficient) for a certified copy of the assessment roll for the township or union of townships for the year in which he is appointed, which copy after being duly examined, and certified by the Clerk of the Peace, shall be to each and every collector sufficient authority for collecting the same, and from time to time to demand and receive from the inhabitants of the township or union of townships all such rates and assessments as may be due and payable on such assessment list, and it shall be the duty of all collectors, for any township or union of townships to deliver his bond duly executed according to law to the treasurer of the County, and to take up the assessment roll on or before the 1st day of July.

“BOND”—“COLLECTORS.”

Know all men by these presents, that we, A. B. collector of rates for the township or union of townships of——— in the County of Simcoe, and C. D. of——— and E. F. of——— are held and firmly bound to———, treasurer of the County of Simcoe, in the sum of——— Cy., to be well and truly paid to the said——— treasurer as aforesaid, or his successor in office, from which payment well and truly to be made to the said———, we bind ourselves jointly and severally, our heirs, executors and administrators firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals, and dated this——— day of——— in the year of our Lord———. The condition of the above bond is such that if the above bounden——— shall collect all rates and assessments of the township or union of Townships of——— for the year——— for which he has been appointed, and shall pay all monies which he shall so collect to the treasurer of the County on or before the 3rd Monday in December, in said year———, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

And be it enacted, that every collector of a township or union of townships shall collect all rates (which can be collected) set forth in the assessment roll as County rates, and shall pay over the amount, and finally settle his account with the treasurer on or before the 3rd Tuesday in December in each and every year, provided always, that it shall and may be lawful for every such collector to reserve for himself out of the rates collected for County purposes, the following sums,

percentage upon the amount of his collection

If the rate is below	£50	£9 0 0
Above £50 and under	£100	8 10 0
Above £100 and under	£150	7 15 0
Above £150 and under	£200	7 10 0
Above £200 and under	£250	6 10 0
Above £250		5 0 0

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if any person who shall occupy a house, farm or tenement, in any township or union of townships in this County, and shall have been assessed for the same, shall leave the said township, or union of townships, before the said County rates have been paid, it shall and may be lawful for the said collector to ask, claim, and recover the said County rates, (except such part thereof as shall have been charged on moveable property), from the owner of said house, farm or tenement, provided the same shall have been demanded fourteen days before the second Monday in December in each year; but should the year in which the said rates are due expire before the said rates be demanded, then and in that case the collector shall be liable for the amount. Nevertheless the said collector shall be entitled to proceed by warrant of distress against any such tenant, although he may have left the township or union of townships, and that the collector may in like manner proceed to recover from all other persons residing in his township or union of townships the assessed County rates which shall not have been paid by the first Monday in November, in each and every year, the same having been demanded fourteen days previous to the date of the magistrate's warrant of distress.

WM. ARMSON, Warden.

Council-Hall, Feb. 2nd, 1850.

[No. 83.]
A BY-LAW

To place the superintendence of the Town Lines under the authority and charge of the Town Reeves of the Townships respectively.

Whereas, the charge and control of the Town Lines—that is, the Roads separating and bounding the several townships, is, by Act 12 Vic. ch 81, placed exclusively within the jurisdiction and subject to the control of the Municipal Council, of the respective Counties as far as respects the making, maintaining, &c., of the same. And whereas, this council have not deemed it expedient to assume any of such Lines as County roads by the passing of any Bye-Law or Laws for such purpose at present. It is desirable for the proper care of such Lines of road that the powers of this council, in this matter be carried into effect by the Several Town Reeves of the Townships and Unions of Townships respectively. Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the County of Simcoe, and it is hereby enacted, that until the repeal of this

Bye-law the several Town Reeves of the several Townships in this county shall have separately and individually the jurisdiction and control of such Township Lines as far as respects the making, maintaining, or improving the same,—and all other powers given to the Council in this matter by the said act,—in their said Townships respectively.

WM. ARMSON, Warden.

Council-Hall, Feb. 2nd, 1850.

[No 84]

A BY-LAW

To fix allowance to certain County officers.

Be it enacted by the Warden and Members of the Municipal Council of the County of Simcoe, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that there shall be allowed and paid to the several county officers and servants, hereinafter mentioned, the following sums for their services, and no more, and which sums shall, for the due and faithful performance and fulfilment of the duties of said county officers and servants, be payable out of the funds or revenues of the county of Simcoe, for and during the year A. D. 1850. And be it further enacted, that these several sums of money shall and may be payable by the County Treasurer, out of the funds of the County. And be it further enacted, that it shall not be lawful for the said Treasurer to pay any other or greater salary, to such officers and servants, for such services duly performed, out of the Funds of the County, than the sums that are herein named.—The Treasurer of the county—one hundred and twenty five pounds C'y for his services.—The Clerk of the county council—fifty pounds C'y for his services.—The County Surveyor—twenty-five pounds, C'y, for his services.—The County Auditors, each—two Pounds ten shillings, C'y, for their Services.—The keeper of the Court House—twelve Pounds ten shillings, C'y for his services.

WM. ARMSON, Warden.

Council-Hall, Feb. 2nd, 1850.

[No. 85.]

A BY-LAW

To fix allowance to members of the County Council of Simcoe.

Be it enacted by the Warden and Members of the county council of Simcoe, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that there be allowed and paid to the Members of this Council, the following sums as remuneration for their services, as authorized by act 12th Victoria chap. 81. Be it therefore enacted, that the Treasurer of this county shall pay unto every Member of this Council the sum of six shillings and three pence, Halifax C'y for every day which said councillors shall be employed as such in council assembled, together with an additional allowance of

Two pence per mile, over and above ten miles, which each Member shall have travelled from his ordinary place of residence to the county town of Barrie, and shall have further to travel in returning thence to the same. And be it further enacted that the Clerk of the Council shall determine the amount of mileage which each member shall receive in accordance with the foregoing enactment, shall make up an account of the sums payable to the different members of the council, to be certified by the Warden, and said certified account shall constitute the Warrant to the Treasurer for his paying such sums.

WM. ARMSON, Warden.

Council-Hall, Feb. 2nd 1850.